

HOUSE BILL 874
By Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to the operation of
trucks and semitrailers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by
adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 55-8-194.

(a) Truck tractors and semitrailers, as defined in § 55-8-101, shall not use
braking devices that use the compression of the engine except as follows:

(1) The braking device is equipped with an operational muffler; or

(2) The driver of a truck or semitrailer reasonably believes an emergency
requires the use of such braking device to prevent physical injury or property
damage.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine only
of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.